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Summary

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Quality information is needed to help make decisions, as well as make changes to improve operations in both travel, as well as special events planning. In both of these phases of the leisure industry, the demand to justify decisions has led to some problems because the research has focused upon political justification. The focus has been upon outcomes and most of the process and input questions have been by-passed. Managers are in desperate need of quality information to help make good decisions at each phase of an organization's development. Different types of information are needed during each of the different phases. Even if a manager has quality information, he/she must be able to use it and relate it to his/her style of management. Information use systems and management styles are little explored areas.

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Visions in Leisure and Business

Dear Colleague:

Many times the leisure professional finds himself/herself at a loss in understanding business principles needed to make operations more effective. In this same context, the business community could more effectively utilize personal services to help solve organizational and productivity problems.

VISIONS IN LEISURE AND BUSINESS is an interdisciplinary journal dedicated to addressing the interface between the leisure and business communities. The solution to many of the problems in each of these areas is the ability to obtain many ideas on a single issue. We are asking you to become involved in an idea exchange among the scholars and practitioners to share your experiences in a journal format. Another vehicle that is being used for the sharing process is that each member, program, and agency subscribing to the journal will be asked to complete a questionnaire and an annual directory of programs and services will be available as a resource. It will also be possible for those interested in particular programs to identify individuals who have similar interests through a computer search.

VISIONS IN LEISURE AND BUSINESS is different from other publications because it draws upon a number of disciplines to solve problems and is not locked into defending a particular position. It is a storehouse of information that can help you keep up-to-date on the latest leisure and business methods. The newest, innovative ideas will be presented in a 'how-to' format to help improve operations. Sharing your experiences can help improve other's professional operations.

VISIONS IN LEISURE AND BUSINESS can stimulate your thinking about how to improve your own expertise and skills, thereby, helping the organization with which you are affiliated. The key to professional advancement is competency and having the edge in performance, so that you are a leader not a follower in the profession. Many individuals have an ability to discern a good idea but many do not have an ability to predict trends and anticipate solutions in advance of the problem. Another important ability is seeing the bigger picture and being able to fit pieces together. Your expertise is needed because only through sharing can the perspective outlined above be achieved. No one individual has the complete perspective. Solutions will only come through group action.

This is a personal invitation for you to become a member of an innovative group to share and receive information that will help you and your organization to become leaders in the leisure and business disciplines.

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